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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

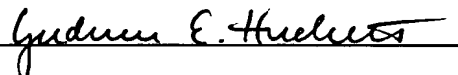
These references have been cited in a German office action in the counterpart German patent application. Copies of the listed documents (except US patent documents) are attached.

Reference 2) relates to a cassette 10 for receiving a paper stack 26. The cassette has a pressing element 44 that rests against one end of the paper stack 26 (see Fig. 2) and is moveable in the pressing direction by motor 50. In this way, the sheets of the paper stack are pressed against a removal element 58 of a sheet feeder. A measuring device 76 is provided for measuring the pressure acting on the removal element 58. The measuring device sends a control signal to the motor 50 for controlling the pressing force. The paper stack 26 and the pressing element 44 are arranged on a slide 24 that is moveable within

the cassette. The pressing element 44 is moveable relative to the slide 24 by means of the motor 50. The slide is forced by a spring force (F1; see Fig. 2) in the direction toward the removal element.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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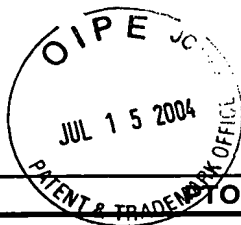


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- ☒ PTO 1449
- ☒ reference(s)
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